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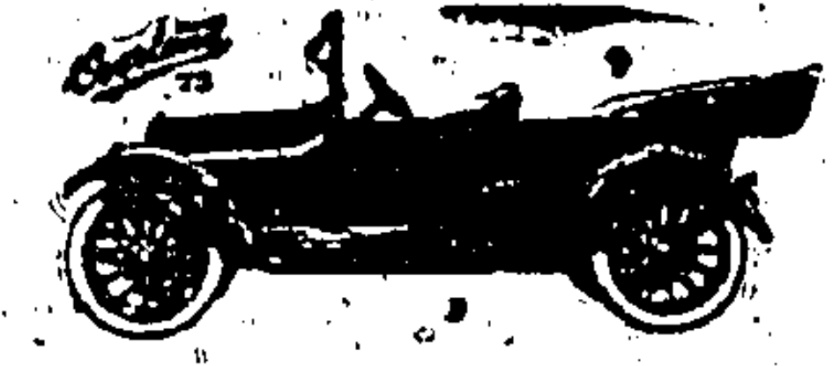

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8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
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5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m....Every 10 minutes.

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8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12 Noon....Every 15 minutes.
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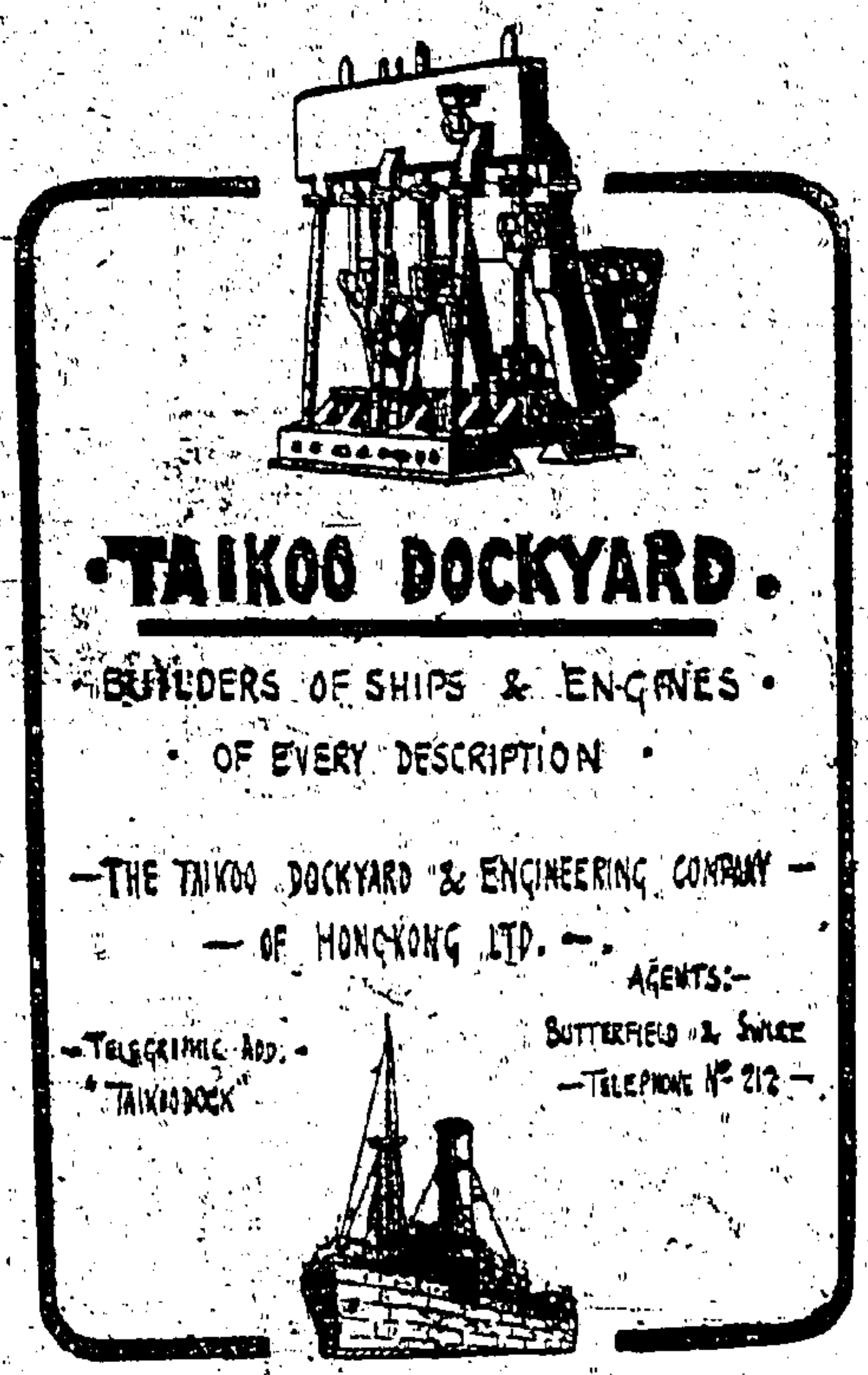

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WONG PING WA, *Manager.*

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By Order of the Board,

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Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1916. 1320

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W. D. KRAFT,
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Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1916. 1326

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Hongkong, Dec. 12, 1916. 1319

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Hongkong, Dec. 1, 1916. 1283

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MEMBERS are hereby notified that the "Go-as-you-please" Race has been postponed to the 14th January, 1917.

Entries close on the 8th January, 1917.

A. M. O. REMEDIOS,
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Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1916. 1321

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GERMAN MEN-OF-WAR CASUALTIES.

A RISING RECORD.

[BY ARCHIBALD HURD.]

Whatever may be the case with the smaller craft of the German navy, the larger vessels of the High Seas Fleet cannot put to sea without suffering injury. Though the nation hears little of their movements, our submarines are always on the prowl, and many courageous efforts go unrecorded. The enemy's lairs are under continual surveillance, with results the cumulative effect of which there is a tendency to overlook. Since the Battle of Jutland no section of the German High Seas Fleet has advanced into the North Sea beyond the protection of mines and shore guns, except on three occasions, so far as any record is available, and on each damage at least, if not loss, was sustained. What has happened the following statement reveals.

August 19.—Submarine E. 23, Lieutenant-Commander R. Turner, reported that he attacked one of the battleships of the Nassau class, of 18,600 tons. While she was being convoyed back to port in a damaged condition by destroyers he fired another torpedo, which also struck her. The Admiralty added that the Commanding officer had reported that he "believes she was sunk."

October 19.—An unnamed submarine delivered a successful attack on the light cruiser Munchen, of 3,200, which, when last seen, "was steaming slowly, in evident difficulties, towards her home waters."

November 5.—Another unnamed submarine fell in with German battleships off the Danish coast, and hit two of them belonging to the Kaiser class.

A DARING EXAMPLE.

It would be a great source of satisfaction if we could know that either of the three battleships mentioned, or even the cruiser München, had been destroyed, but unfortunately, submarine officers cannot wait to ascertain the ultimate effect of their actions. The large ships of the German High Seas Fleet never put to sea unless they are accompanied by a swarm of destroyers and a number of small cruisers. They have, in other words, a kind of mobile crinoline by way of defence. When we are informed that a vessel has been struck we are left to infer that some plucky officer, greatly daring, has broken through the screen, and, with skilful judgment, discharged a torpedo at effective range. Once a hit has been recorded and the German ship is in difficulties, all her satellites get to work to hunt down the submarine and that ship very wisely disappears from the scene of her exploit. That is why we can seldom learn the ultimate result of an attack. We must just hope for the best knowing, that in any event a man-of-war which has been damaged by the explosion of a torpedo must for a considerable time be out of action, even if she does not sink on her way back to port.

To-day's (November 7) news of the successive attacks on two of Germany's latest Dreadnoughts represents a new standard of achievement for the British or any other Navy, for never before has a single submarine managed to strike two battleships one after another. It is a remarkable incident, particularly if the hazardous conditions are borne in mind. For that reason the nation would be interested to know the number of the submarine and the name of her commander. He has crippled the German fleet to no slight extent, for if these vessels were only damaged and not sunk their withdrawal for the time at least represents a loss of about 9 per cent. of German fighting powers in ships of the Dreadnought type. The battleships of the Kaiser type, five in number, were completed just before the opening of the war, and were the first to mount the 12in. gun, earlier vessels having been given 11in. weapons. Their main characteristics are:

Displacement, 24,310 tons; speed 23 knots; armour belt, 13in.; torpedo tubes, 5. Guns:

Ten	12in.
Fourteen	5.9in.
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Each of these ships cost about £2,500,000.

AN ITALIAN SUCCESS.

The Italians have also been active. The *communiqué* from Rome indicates that an offensive policy is being pursued. The story of the rescue of a transport by a torpedo-boat is one which would bear expansion, for it must constitute an incident of a most unusual and meritorious character. The Italian torpedo-boat must have driven home her counter-attack with fine pertinacity, determined to save the troops at all costs, and in doing so destroyed a submarine, but was herself sunk.

The incursion into Pola Harbour, where for two and a half years the main forces of the Austro-Hungarian navy have remained in enforced inactivity, was a courageous action. Only those who realize the character of the obstacles which confronted the Italian torpedo craft can fully appreciate the skill and daring which was exhibited by the Italian officers. The enemy thought his ships were securely barred in, but he has since learnt that he was mistaken and will congratulate himself on the additional precaution which was adopted in keeping down the anti-torpedo nets of the battleships. That measure almost certainly saved one unit from destruction. When steaming of course, that means of defence has to be abandoned.

The message of the Italian Minister of Marine contains evidence of the activity of the mosquito vessels of our Ally, which will be received in this country with the utmost satisfaction. It takes every fleet some time to meet the peculiar conditions of this war, and it looks as though the Italian seamen had learnt how, at least, to worry the enemy.

THE GREEK NAVY.

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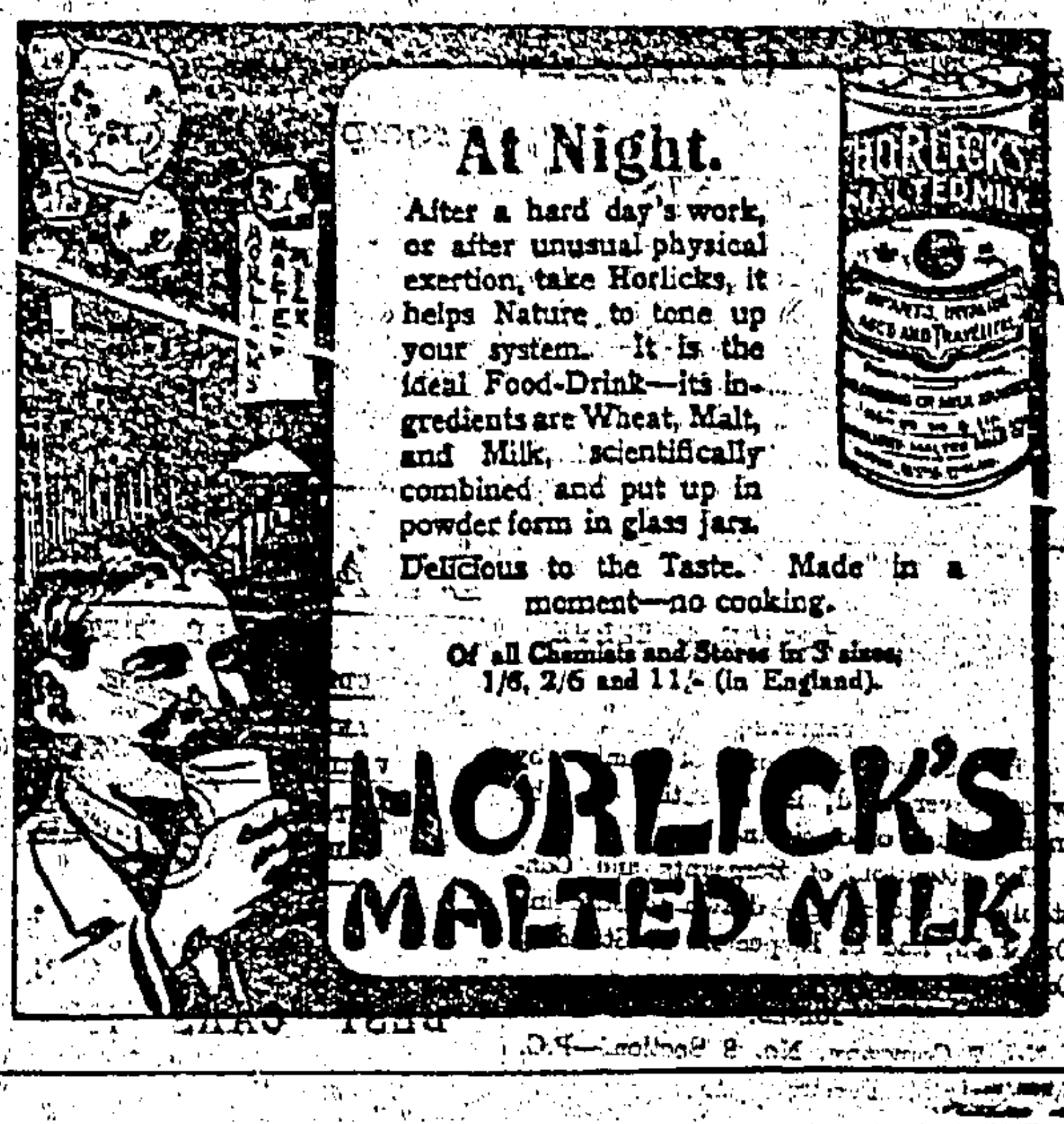

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CHINA.

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May scholars throng your portals, there to seek
Training and strength of mind as plants, when weak
Are trained to grow and thrive.

This was part of the message sent by the President of the Republic of China, H.E. Li Yuan Hung, to the Court and students of the University of Hongkong on the occasion of the first conferment of degrees, which took place in the Great Hall of the University last evening. The spacious hall was filled to overflowing with an interested congregation. The opening of the ceremony was marked by a procession of the Court and Senate headed by H.E. the Chancellor, Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong. The others in the procession were:—The Pro-Chancellor (Hon. Mr. Claud Severn), the Vice-Chancellor (Sir Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G.), the Treasurer (the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G.), the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Dr. G. P. Jordan), Dean, Medical Faculty (Prof. K. Digby), Dean, Engineering Faculty (Prof. C. Middleton Smith), Dean, Arts Faculty (Prof. Hinton), Registrar (Mr. A. C. Franklin). Then followed the gentlemen who were to receive degrees *honoris causa*—M. Finot, Captain Pelliot, M.C., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Dr. Wu Lien Teh, Dr. Jeme Tien Yow—and then came H.E. Major-General Ventries, Sir Wm. Rees Davies, K.C., Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria, Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzoni, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton, Rev. T. W. Pearce, Dr. R. M. Gibson, Dr. J. T. C. Johnson, Mr. E. A. Irving, Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. N. J. Stabb, Mr. C. M. Ede, Mr. Chan Kang Yu, Mr. Chau Siu Ki, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Tso Sin Wan, Mr. Chan Kai Ming, Mr. D. K. Sethna, Prof. T. Stuart, Prof. T. H. Matthewman, Prof. A. G. Warren, Prof. J. D. Wright, Prof. H. G. Earle, Dr. C. Forsyth, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. Lai Hsi Chi, Mr. Au Tai Tin, Mr. E. J. Surman, Mr. W. P. C. Trafford, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. K. Brayshay, Dr. McKenny, Mr. F. M. H. Holman, Dr. F. T. Keyt, Dr. G. E. Aubrey, Mr. E. A. M. Williams, Dr. Lindsay Woods, Rev. E. W. L. Martin, Rev. E. E. Bryant, Mr. G. E. Marley and Mr. F. A. Redmond.

Those present in the body of the Hall included Lady May, the Misses May, H.E. Chu Hing Lan (Civil Governor of Canton), Mr. P. L. Han, A.D.C., Mr. T. F. Lin (secretary), Commodore Sandeman, R.N., His Honour the Puisne Judge, Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, Mr. J. R. Wood (acting First Magistrate), Mr. J. H. Jameison (British Consul at Canton), M. Vladimir d' Oettingan (Russian Consul), Col. Watson (74th Punjabis), Col. Chapman, V.D., Major D. Macdonald, V.D., Major Wakeman (H.K.V.R.), Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. H. W. Looker, Mr. Ponsonby Fane (Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor).

The University Anthem—the words of which were written by Mr. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G., and the music composed by Mr. Denman Fuller—was sung by a strong choir with great expression. The accompaniment was supplied by the 74th Punjabis band.

The Chancellor having declared the Congregation open, the Vice-Chancellor read the following message from the President of the China Republic. The message which had been translated by Dr. Pearce, to whom the Vice-Chancellor paid a warm tribute, was as follows:

The President of the Chinese Republic to the Hongkong University, at the first ceremonial of conferring degrees; after searching inquiry this congratulatory address:—

All types of men are here; their gifts diverse:
Plant growths oft mingle; each stem has its root
Each scholar's competent: his learning shows complete,
A boon received through course of study meet.

Were not your teachers versed in wisdom's lore,
Who could awake young manhood's mind to soar?
China and Western lands have now one aim,
One thought and purpose; learning to acclaim.

May scholars throng your portals, there to seek
Training and strength of mind, as plants, when weak,
Are trained to grow and thrive.
Your methods, wise and clear, are seen to be
Marks of this learning by the Southern sea.

Brief though the course of your years,
Achieved is yours glorious fame.

Your status is seen to be great
As the Hung To School of Hon days.

Your praises are published to-day,
They will surely be known through the world.

VICE CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH.

The VICE CHANCELLOR (Sir CHARLES ELIOT,) said it was very gratifying to them to have received such an expression of good will, confidence, and encouragement from the highest authority in the State of China, and he could tell them that the words used were not merely conventional words. When he (Sir Charles) was in Peking last summer he had the honour of talking about the University with H.E. the President, and was struck with the real interest which he took in it. He did not receive him as one who was merely paying a compliment to a foreigner, for the President was one who was sincely interested in learning all the details about the University, and he (the Vice Chancellor) spoke to the President for half an hour as to the methods which they adopted in the University of Hongkong to prepare young men for the public services. The President also showed great interest in hearing of the facilities which the Government of Hongkong afforded them and wanted to hear something of British administration. The President had also taken a practical interest in the University. But for the action of the President, the scholarship founded by his predecessor might have lapsed. That scholarship was exactly parellel to the King Edward VII. Scholarship. It was not only the President of China that they had to thank. H.E. the Governor of Kwangtung has given the best possible proof of his interest in their work by his presence here today; especially at a time when there were great political questions absorbing his attention incessantly. The Government of Kwangtung had always been favourable to the University. They were granting more scholarships than any other Provincial Government, and he supposed they sent more students than any other part of China. And in the presence of His Excellency here to-day they found a very good augury, and they hoped the youth of Canton and the whole of the Province would be encouraged to come and complete their eduction within these walls. The previous day the Governor of Kwangtung had presented them with a beautiful vase as a memorial of of his interest in what they did. During the four years' existence of the University it had been revealed to them that they met with sympathy, not only official sympathy, but the general sympathy of the educated and non-educated classes both in Hongkong and China. It would take a long time if he were to enumerate to them all the marks of encouragement they had received, and the benefactions which had been given to them. However, he must let them know of the latest benefaction they had received. They all knew Mr. Ho Fook—(applause)—whom they were glad to see among them to-day. He had already established, in conjunction with others, a medical scholarship in the University, and now he had presented them with a most beautiful mace, but owing to the difficulties of shipping and transport the mace had not arrived or it would have been prominent in the ceremony to-day, and would be reposing on the table in front of the Chancellor. But Mr. Ho Fook had given them something at least equal to the mace. This was contained in a letter from Mr. Ho Fook which was as follows:—"Understanding that the accommodation set apart in the University of Hongkong for the teaching of physiology is inadequate and the want of an up-to-date school of physiology has long been felt by the trained medical students, I have the honour to inform you that in the event of the Council of the University deciding to build such a school, I shall be pleased to pay towards the cost of the building a sum of $50,000."—(Loud Applause.) He (Sir Charles) did not think he would be exceeding his duty if he offered Mr. Ho Fook the sincere thanks of the University—Court, Senate and Undergraduates—for his most generous donation. (Applause.) It would mean much to them. They had a good medical school here, along with a building for the study of anatomy added to it. Some of the other laboratories, especially that of physiology, were too small, and in the study of medicine here they had not to compete with small schools; they had to compete with very formidable organisations, formidable in the sence of being good organisations as far as teaching medicine was concerned—the great schools which the Americans were establishing in various parts of China. They were glad to see those schools founded: they felt that there was room for both British and American schools. On the other hand, they were naturally glad to feel now that the Hongkong University would be equipped in a manner which would enable it to compete on equal terms with the centres which had been established in Peking and Shanghai.

The Vice-Chancellor said that that was their first degree ceremony. In one sense a University degree had been honoured in China for many years, probably more than in Europe, but, as far as he knew, there had never been in China anything in the nature of what they called a degree ceremony; and he believed that in many countries of Europe, although the universities gave degrees, that particular ceremony did not exist. It had long been the custom in English universities that degrees should be presented to qualified persons by the head of the university, and to receive from him the assurance that the graduates had been considered worthy of such degrees.

Referring to the honorary degrees it was proposed to confer, he said they were proud to think that people would consider it a compliment to accept their degrees. They were very fortunate in this part of the world in calling together people from such great distances and representing so many branches of learning. In Great Britain, he supposed, they rarely had anyone who came for a degree who had travelled more than a few hours, but among the friends present that night they had some who had paid them the compliment of travelling two on three days to attend the ceremony and they (the Court) were very sincerely sensible of the compliment (applause). The Vice-Chancellor then presented those who had come to receive honorary degrees. It was the usual custom to present degrees in person, but he did not think anyone would quarrel over departing from that policy, in the case of one whom nearly all of them knew—Sir Frederick Lugard—(Applause)—to whom the University so largely owed its existence. The degree of Doctor of Laws would be conferred upon him *in absentia*. The Vice-Chancellor regretted the absence of Mr. C. Clementi, the author of the University Anthem, one of the most brilliant scholars of the East, and referred to the loss sustained by the University in the deaths of Sir H. N. Mody and Sir Kai Ho Kai.

THE PRESENTATIONS.

In presenting to the Chancellor M. Finot, Director of the French School of Research at Hanoi, the Vice-Chancellor said M. Finot was well known for his research work in Indo-China, revealing the ancient civilisation of the country, and he alluded especially to M. Finot's investigations with regard to Angkor Vat, one of the finest architectural monuments in Asia. M. Finot had brought the school at Hanoi to a high status. They were glad to receive the head of that great French institution of learning in the Far East, and he hoped that between those two seats of learning there would be in the future more unity than there had been in the past.

In presenting Sir Robert Ho Tung the Vice-Chancellor said Sir Robert scarcely needed any introduction to the congregation. He had had a distinguished commercial career in the Colony and was also well known for his generous philanthropy and his prominent interest in educational matters. They all knew his contributions for the relief of typhoon victims, his help to the Tung Wah Hospital and the Helena May Institute, but his chief interest lay in education. He had given very large donations and endowments to the medical department of the University and he was a truly worthy person to receive the degree.

Presenting Dr. Jeme Tien Yow, Director General of Chinese Railways and one of the foremost engineers in China, the Vice-Chancellor mentioned that the Engineering Faculty had more students than any other Faculty in the University and it was fitting that they should honour so distinguished a representative of the Engineering Profession in China. Dr. Jeme graduated at Yale, and after experience in America returned to China. His first important work was the construction of the Peking to Kalgan line, and he was now in charge of the construction of the Canton-Hankow line.

Captain Pelliot was next presented by the Vice-Chancellor as a distinguished explorer of Central Asia, attached to the French Legation at Peking. He had excavated and published a digest of the results of his knowledge, and a number of other works were in the press for publication after the war. It was interesting to observe that Capt. Pelliot at the commencement of the war served under Lord French—(cheers)—and subsequently under General Sir Ian Hamilton at Gallipoli. He had won one of the highest distinctions and Sir charles thought it was tions and Sir Charles thought it was decoration of the Military Cross on the breast of a French soldier." (Applause.)

Next Dr. Wu Ling Teh was presented. The Vice-Chancellor said Dr. Wu had a remarkable career at Cambridge and had studied in various countries. He found fame in resisting the ravages of plague at Harbin and it was a great gratification to have with them one of the foremost students of medical science in the world.

THE GRADUATES.

The other degrees were conferred as under:

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Teh Esan Swee (proxy, Lim Chong Eang), Teoh Cheng Toe, Lim Soon Kian, Chau Wai Cheung, Cheah Tiang Eam, Cheng Cheo Hai, Wong Hing Cheun (proxy, Chau Wai Cheung), and Lim Chong Eang.

FACULTY OF ARTS, B.A. DEGREE.

Lam Tung, Li King Hong, and Li Tsok Lun.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, B.SC. AND ENG. DEGREE.

Chan Iu Choo, Foo Ping Sheung (proxy, Lau Chan), Ho Wing Kin (proxy, Ip Hin Fong), Ip Hin Fong, Lai Hau Yeung, Lau Chan, Leung Nai Hang (proxy, Lai Hau Yeung), Ling Man Lai, Tang Sing Lam, Wei Wing Hon, Wei Wing Lok (proxy, Wei Wing Hon), and Wong Tai Cho.

THE CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH.

H.E. the Chancellor after conferring the degrees gave his speech as under:—This day marks a great event in the history of the young University which has been honoured to-day in honouring those who have just received her degrees. As most of you know, the first suggestion for the establishment of a University in Hongkong was made in an article in the *China Mail* newspaper in 1905. Two years later the then Governor Sir Frederick Lugard repeated the suggestion in a public speech, and this time the suggestion was taken up by the late Sir Hormusjee Mody who generously offered to erect the necessary buildings. I will not detain you by describing the various steps taken, before this generous offer was finally accepted. Suffice it to say, that Sir F. Lugard and those whom he associated with himself in considering the project, very wisely decided, that before the enterprise could be safely launched, a sufficient endowment fund for a reasonable beginning must be assured. The sum of £100,000 was fixed upon as the minimum, and its collection was practically assured by the magnificent donation to which the Vice-Chancellor has referred of £40,000 by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and allied Firms. The scheme was warmly supported by the then Viceroy of the Two Kwang Provinces, His Excellency Chang Jen-chung, whose enthusiastic assistance we hold in grateful memory, by the Chinese Central Government, by the Chinese Community here, among whom I may mention with gratitude the Honourable Mr. Wei Yuk, the Honourable Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. S. W. Tso and last, but not least, the late Sir Kai Ho Kai to whose memory the Vice-Chancellor has already spoken; by His Majesty's Government and by the Colonial Government and European Community of this Colony. Before the end of 1909 more than the necessary £100,000 had been raised, while the Colonial Government had promised a large area of land for the buildings. In March, 1910, the foundation stone was laid by Sir F. Lugard who throughout the many and at times difficult steps through which the project had been advanced, had shown a patience and perseverance which ultimately achieved success. I think it is a matter of regret to all of us, that he is not here to-day to take part in this important ceremony, whereby this University identifies herself among the Universities of the world, and at the same time honours him who may justly be regarded as the father of this Institution.

The University was incorporated under Ordinance in March, 1911, and has therefore been 4½ years in existence. During that time she has made remarkable progress due to the continued support she has had from those interested in her welfare. In addition to the benefactions mentioned in the Vice-Chancellor's speech, I would recall the munificence of Sir Robert Ho Tung, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, and of several European and Chinese contributors, while the Colonial Government, in addition to providing generously in land, makes for the present an annual contribution of $20,000. Our revenues are now far in excess of the interest on our original endowment fund and enable us to employ eight whole time Professors, 10 whole time Lecturers, one part time Professor and 16 part time Lecturers and Instructors. And here I would record our grateful thanks to the Members of the Medical Profession in this Colony, who devote so much of their time to lecturing in this University. Without their generous support we could not have developed our Medical Faculty on the lines it enjoys. We have 14 Workshops and Laboratories, and machinery and apparatus to the value £15,000 has been acquired, much of it by generous gifts from Engineering Firms in England, among whom I would mention the London Electric Company, Limited, Messrs Campbell Gas Engine Company and Messrs Ferranti. Particularly valuable has been the assistance of Mr. Arthur Preece in inspecting apparatus before despatch, and of Messrs. Matheson our shipping agents and of the British Shipping Companies who brought out the goods free of charge. "We have at present 200 students and it is most gratifying to know that among them eight Provinces of China are represented, and that in addition to scholarships given by His Majesty's Government, by the British and Chinese Chambers of Commerce, by Mr. Ho Fook and Mr. Chan Kai-ming, we have scholarships given by the President

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HAVE YOU A BAD LEG

With Wounds that discharge or otherwise, perhaps surrounded with inflammation and swollen, that when you press your finger on the inflamed part it leaves the impression? If so, under the skin you have poison which defies all the remedies you have tried. Perhaps your knees are swollen, the joints being ulcerated, the same with the ankles, round which the skin may be discoloured, or there may be wounds; the disease, if allowed to continue, will deprive you of the power to walk. You may have attended various hospitals and been told your case is hopeless, or advised to submit to amputation; but do not, for I can cure you. I don't say perhaps, but I will. Send to the Drug Stores for a Box of

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Such symptoms don't necessarily prove that you are ill, but they are certain indications of weakened nerve force and evidence that your nerve cells are not being properly nourished and strengthened. Your whole system—mental and physical—is below par and you are only 50 per cent. efficient—just half your real self. In such a condition you can do nothing better or get quicker action than by taking a few weeks' treatment of the wonderful remedy called Sargol. This is the most remarkable prescription ever found for putting back the "good old pep" in folks who are chronically tired, devitalized or run down. The chief reason for its success is that it contains some of the most important elements of active living nerve force. Sargol acts quickly. It gets straightway into your nerve cells and blood and freshens and brightens you right up. It gives you ambition, courage, will power and real vital vim and does not contain a single habit forming drug. It is always safe, easy, pleasant and efficient. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., The Victoria Dispensary, The Pharmacy, Queen's Dispensary, The Edward Dispensary and leading chemists everywhere sell it—40 tablets to a package.

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AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on

TUESDAY,

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Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1916. 1330

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LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR. LI HON-PAN, a Chinese graduate versed in literature, has been a teacher to European Officials and Merchants in this Colony for ten years. He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka. Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write c/o "China Mail" Office or direct to No. 180, Wellington Street, second floor. [1121]

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

THERAPION No. 1

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THERAPION No. 2

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To-day's Advertisements

CLUB LUSITANO.

ON the occasion of the 50TH ANNIVERSARY of the CLUB LUSITANO, the member will be "AT HOME" on SATURDAY the 16th instant from 5 to 6 P.M.

Friends of the members are cordially invited to attend.

E. H. D'AQUINO,
President of the Jubilee
Celebration Committee.

Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1916. 1332

LECTURE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

CAPTAIN PELLIOT has kindly consented to give a LECTURE on "Central Asia as the meeting-point of Eastern and Western Civilizations", on THURSDAY, the 21st December, at 5.15 P.M.

All those who are interested are cordially invited.

By kind permission of His Excellency The Governor, the Lecture will be given in the ball-room at Government House.

H. E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong Old Volumes Society.

Hongkong, Dec. 15. 1336

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MAGISTRACY.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MEETING of the LICENSING BOARD will be held in the Council Chamber on FRIDAY, the 22nd day of December, 1916, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, viz:—

From CHARLES MORRIS for a Publican's Licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors at the premises No 2 Pak Siu Wan, Shau Ki Wan Road, under the sign "Belle View Hotel".

R. A. C. NORTH,
Secretary to the Licensing Board.

Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1916. 1331

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THE DIARY.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Jewellery etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Cricket:—Volunteers v. Reserves at Kowloon.

Football.—H.K. F.C. v. Navy on Navy ground.

5 p.m.—Club Lusitano "At Home".

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, Dec. 17:—
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by s.s. "Taishan".

FRI. 15, SAT. 16 & MON., Dec. 18:—
9 p.m.—A. D. C. Performances of "Kismet" in aid of "Star and Garter" Fund.

MONDAY, Dec. 18:—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at P. W. D.

TUESDAY, Dec. 19:—
11 a.m.—Auction of Xmas Toys at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
11 a.m.—Auction of Jewellery, Watches etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20:—
Prince George's birthday (1902).
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Xmas Toys and Crackers at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
4.30 p.m.—Matinee Performance of "Kismet".

WED. 20 & THURS., Dec. 21:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelains, Embroideries, Curios etc. at Old Post Office Building.

SATURDAY, Dec. 23:—
9 p.m.—Extra Performance of "Kismet".

SAT. 23, SUN. 24 & MON., Dec. 25:—
Bogey Competition at Fanling.

MONDAY, Dec. 25:—
Public Holiday.

TUESDAY, Dec. 26:—
Public Holiday.
10 a.m.—Winter "Bisley" at Stonecutters.
10 a.m.—Mixed Foursome Competition at Fanling.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27:—
11 a.m.—Auction of Salved Cargo ex s.s. "Wisley" at the To Kwa Wan Godowns and Kowloon Godowns.

BIRTH.

BOND:—On the 26th October at Dudley, Worcester, the wife of H. H. BOND, of a daughter, (Joan).

DEATH.

CHAPMAN.—November 13th, at Langside, Glasgow, JOHN S. CHAPMAN, aged 54 years.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, Dec. 15, 1916.

THE UNIVERSITY.

YESTERDAY was made a notworthy date in the annals of the Colony by the impressive ceremony at the Hongkong University in connection with the conferment of its first degrees. In the brief space of five years—or rather less than five years—since its incorporation the University has justified the high expectations of its promoters. The account which the Chancellor (His Excellency Sir HENRY MAY) in the course of his speech gave of the progress and development of the institution is a record of which the Colony may well be proud, and we can look forward with every confidence to a continued development of the great possibilities of the University. It is not too much, we think, to expect that in the course of another five years the University's present roll of 200 students will exceed twice that member. The graduates on whom the University conferred its first degrees yesterday will probably soon find themselves in widely scattered parts of the country and each will become in his own community an advertisement for the University. It is interesting to learn that already eight of the Provinces of China are represented among the students, and the fact that the University has scholarships given by the President of the Chinese Republic and many given by the Provincial Governments of Kwangtung, Yunnan, Chili, Hupeh and by the Municipal Government of Peking is very practical recognition and appreciation of the advantages which the University offers to the youth of China. It can certainly be claimed for the University that, in staff, accommodation and equipment, there is no educational institution in China which excels it, or can be compared with it. A great future undoubtedly lies before it. China is awaking and realising the necessity for a closer approximation in her national life to western standards, and the Hongkong University is destined to render a great service to China in turning out graduates year by year equipped with such a knowledge of Western science as will enable them to play a useful part in the progress and development of the great country to which practically all the students of the University of Hongkong belong.

MOXON & TAYLOR'S CLOSING SHARE QUOTATIONS.

		3.30 p.m.
Unions	$ 925	sellers
Douglases	120½	buyers
Indos Def.	142	sel & sa
Star Ferries	38	sel & sa
China Sugars	131½	buyers
Malabons	37½	buyers
Raubs	2½	buyers
Wharves	85½	sales
Docks	131	buyers
Humphreys	6.90	buyers
Cements	11.75	buyers
Shanghai Cottons Tls	120	buyers

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A new Municipal Golf Course has been opened at Manila.

A Bill is before the Legislature of the Philippines to establish a University at Cebu.

The Government of Siam has declared Hongkong to be a suspected port on account of small-pox. All vessels from Hongkong for Bangkok must call at Kohphra.

The Cantonese in Peking are to hold a mass meeting on Sunday to protest against the revival of gambling in the province of Kwangtung.

The Bishop of Victoria on Sunday will preach at St. John's Cathedral at the English service at 11 a.m. At the same place at 12.15 he will hold an ordination service in Chinese when he will ordain to the Priest-hood three Chinese Deacons and one new Deacon. The preacher will be the Rev. Fok Tsing Shan. In the evening the Bishop will conduct a service at 8 o'clock at Quarry Bay in the Taikoo Club.

Captain Pelliot, M.C., the distinguished French explorer, who was one of those honoured by the University with a degree *honoris causa*, is announced to give a lecture, under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society on the 21st inst. on "Central Asia as the meeting point of Eastern and Western Civilisations." His Excellency the Governor has kindly allowed the use of the ball-room at Government House for the lecture

Train connections between Mukden and Hangchow—save only the Yangtsze crossing—were made last Saturday when the junction line of the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railways was formally opened in the presence of a large and distinguished attendance of guests. The respective railway stations, Shanghai North and South, had been decorated with flags and bunting for the occasion as also were the trains which carried the guests over the route and to Jessfield Station where an elaborate tiffin had been arranged.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Bishop Norris has returned to Shanghai on board the *Shantung* en route for Peking.

Mr. Thomas J. Wolff has been chosen as Director General of the next Manila Carnival.

Among the passengers passing through the Colony by the P. & O. s.s. *Nankin* are Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wilkinson of Shanghai.

Captain Menotti Garibaldi, formerly of the Canton-Kowloon Railway and the Hankow-Canton Railway, has recently been awarded the silver medal for valour.

Mrs. William Atkinson Jones, wife of the author of the famous "Jones Bill" aiming at the independence of the Philippine Islands has come out to the Philippines on a visit. She travelled out on a transport with her daughter, Mrs. S. R. Hopkins, wife of Lieut. Hopkins of Camp Stotsenburg.

Mr. H. E. Cole, former manager of the Standard Oil Company in Japan, and now a vice-president and director of the Standard Oil Company of New York, reached Yokohama by the Tenyo Maru on 27th ult. Mr. Cole will spend several months in Japan and China on business for his company. Mr. Blake, the Shanghai Manager, was there to meet him. Fifteen young men came by the same steamer with Mr. Cole and will be assigned positions with the Standard Oil Co., in China.

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THE LAW COURTS

THE "POLAVEN" FIRE.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

The Marine Court enquiry into the cause of the fire on the s.s. *Polaven* (Asiatic Petroleum Co.) on November 2nd at Kowloon Dock was continued this morning.

The Court was composed of Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Marine Magistrate, Com. F. Gibson, R.N., H.M.S. *Tamar*, Capt. H. W. Walker, master of the s.s. *Kwang-tung*, and Mr. Jas. Macdonald, the Government Marine Surveyor.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Hooper, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master's office, appeared on behalf of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., the applicants for the enquiry; and Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, represented the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

After other Chinese evidence Professor Middleton Smith of the Hongkong University gave evidence. He said he had had five years practical experience in the service. If there had been combustion going on in the bunkers he said there would have been a lot of smoke given off from the coal. Dense clouds would have been observed. He was of the opinion that the plate must have been at a white heat and that it would take hours to get to that heat during which smoke would have been given off. Also the temperature would be very high in the engine room, about 120 or 130 degrees and that heat would have existed an hour or two before the pitch of explosion would be caused. The density of the gasses such as that given off from paraffin would tend to keep down. The term "explosion" seemed to have been misused and he did not think it could happen as there was no pressure. Speaking on the coal dust theory witness said before any fire could be given off from coal dust it must be ignited by a spark. There could be no explosion in the fan casing, as there was no pressure. Regarding cotton waste saturated with kerosene exploding witness said the waste would not fire spontaneously unless a light was applied to it. He knew of no case of that having happened. He did not think there could be any danger of packed cotton waste breaking into spontaneous combustion. If cotton waste was lightly packed it would smoulder for a long period and give off a lot of smoke. Asked regarding the kerosene explosion theory witness did not think any explosion could be effected in kerosene without a great heat and there would require to be ignition in some way or other, and a confined space would be necessary so as to set up pressure. Otherwise there could be no explosion.

Interrogated by Mr. Looker, witness said he had no chemical degrees but he had passed exams. He would expect a "puff" if a fire in an enclosed or unenclosed space came into contact with gas in that space. He could not suggest a cause for spontaneous combustion in a fan engine. He knew of no explosion in cotton waste and he had never heard of spontaneous combustion occurring in the cotton in cotton-laden ships. Neither had witness heard of waste which in the manufacture was impregnated with oil generating heart in a confined space and when coming into contact with oxygen. Kerosene would only give off a negligible quantity of gas.

Mr. Looker, summing up on behalf of the Dock Co., again pointed out that the function of the Court was to enquire into the origin of the fire. It was not like a case where there were officers on board and where they had to prove the negligence of one party or the other. The Dock Co. had been held responsible for the damage caused by the fire and if that intention was persevered in the result would be proceedings in another Court and the question of negligence would be gone into. He was sure that the Marine Court would not wish to pre-judge any proceedings of that sort. He submitted that the origin of the fire was purely a matter of theory. There was no evidence of any description on which it was possible to point to the slightest substantial element of fact as to how the fire occured. It was suggested by the Asiatic Petroleum Co. that the fire took place owing to a workman using a candle in a careless fashion; that he set something alight; but they had not the slightest evidence of that. What really took place he contended was spontaneous combustion in the coal bunkers.

Mr. Jenkin, replying for the Asiatic Petroleum Co., said he was in perfect agreement with Mr. Looker as to the function of the Court. However, that was the only point in which he was agreement. He thought he could satisfy the Court that it must come to the conclusion—much as the Court would be unwilling to find the Dock Co. liable—the Dock Co. by their irresponsible agents were guilty in the sense of being responsible for the fire. If the cause of fire was negligence they would not get subordinates to come forward and admit they were negligent, and that was also the case if the cause of the fire was arson. The Dock Co., there was no doubt about it, was upon its defence. The Dock Co. had raised four conjectural defences. He intended to show that those defences were absolutely of no avail to the Dock Co. for they were absolutely groundless and a waste of time to state in the witness box. Upon the "bomb" explosion they found a peg upon which to hang a long line of conjectures. Commenting on the fact that Mr. Looker had discarded the "explosion," Mr. Jenkin said that no doubt they had learnt that in bridge one man asked another if he discarded from strength or weakness and that one man when asked said he discarded from fright. Mr. Looker had discarded the explosion from fright, because according to Professor Smith, such an explosion was impossible. They had a desperate Dock Co. trying to defend themselves in that Court of enquiry by those theories. The Court was not going to say it was on abortive Court because it might prejudice any future action. Counsel wished there were more practical men in other Courts in Hongkong. To suggest the fire broke out in the coal bunker was talking through one's hat. If Mr. Forsyth's evidence on wet cotton waste was believed—its dangerous nature—then cotton waste would be for ever debarred from use on all ships within territorial waters of the Colony. It was ridiculous to say that cotton waste used for cleaning machinery would break out into blazing fire. Those conjectures were put forward by hapless people because if they had given the real cause of the fire it would have involved them in some financial difficulty. The Court would have no hesitation in finding that those people were shielding themselves. In the first place those men got up and told lies—deliberate lies—they were lying all the time.

Mr. Looker (interjecting): Do you suggest that I am putting liars in the box?

Mr. Jenkin: No, I do not.

Mr. Looker: Then you had better withdraw.

"I shall not withdraw a word," said Mr. Jenkin.

Mr. Looker (interposing): Do you suggest I have had anything to do with this lying, or that the Dock Co. has?

Mr. Jenkin: I do not suggest it.

Mr. Looker: I am glad of that.

"For Mr. Looker's edification I will repeat it," said Mr. Jenkin. "The men are lying to themselves personally and those lies were probably believed by the Dock Co.—they could not have made much of an enquiry."

Mr. Jenkin then went on to refer to the evidence on candles and the contradictory statements. He referred to the evidence on electric light by one of the Chinese witnesses as a "disgusting, calculated lie." The legal representative of the Dock Co., said Counsel, had said there was no substantial fact on which to find the cause of fire. Mr. Jenkin agreed. There were no substantial facts and the reason was that the Dock Co.'s men were not telling all they knew. What the Asiatic Petroleum Co. said they had was a great mass of disreputable evidence which would entitle the Court to find that those men were screening and dodging and avoiding duty.

Mr. Looker said the allegation which he made at the commencement that the Company was fishing for evidence could have had no greater justification than in the impassioned address of Mr. Jenkin.

The Court deferred its decision.

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STOP PRESS NEWS.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

BRITISH PEACE POLICY.

ADEQUATE REPARATION FOR THE PAST AND ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR THE FUTURE.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law, referring to the Peace proposal, reminded the House that Mr. Asquith, in moving the last Vote of Credit, declared that the Allies require adequate reparation for the past and adequate security for the future. (Loud cheers.) "That is still our policy," Mr. Bonar Law said, "and that is the determination of the Government." (Prolonged cheers.)

THE PEACE PROPOSALS.

RUMOURED IN LONDON SIX WEEKS AGO.

Our London Correspondent writing on November 4th, says:

"There have been reports here that feelers for peace, beginning with an armistice, will shortly come from Potsdam. As they are hinted at, they have been obviously designed to attract the British eye, but Russia and France would certainly look askance at them, and it is truly German to imagine that we would be led away by superficial attractiveness to ourselves at the expense of our Allies."

Here in Hongkong when the first inkling of the news was published by the *China Mail* on Tuesday last the Colony were taken completely by surprise.

"KISMET."

The public are particularly requested to note that the evening performances of "Kismet" will commence promptly at 9 p.m., and it is most necessary for seatholders to be in their seats by this time as owing to the stage lights being lowered throughout the first scene it will be impossible for late comers to take their seats until it is over.

Peak residents are reminded that special trams will run from the Peak at 8.30 p.m. and 8.40 p.m.

Souvenir-programmes will be on sale from 8.40 p.m. by ladies dressed in the costumes of the period of the play, A.D. 915, and will contain interesting reading matter to entertain those arriving at this hour.

The Matinee on Wednesday, 20th inst., will commence at 4.30 p.m.

JAPAN'S MARITIME TRADE.

PROSPERITY AND REACTION.

The following is a *resumé* of the speech delivered by Baron Kondo Rempei, President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, at the general meeting of shareholders held on November 29th:—

"Should the war in Europe continue, the profit of the company will not be less than that which was realized during the six months ending September 30th last. It should be remembered, however, that the prices of all commodities, especially that of coal, are steadily rising, and therefore increased expenditure is likely to curtail much of the profit, even supposing that business will continue as prosperous as in the preceding period. Needless to say coal forms a very important item in the Company's expenditure, as the Company annually consumes coal to the amount of 900,000 tons roughly estimated at ¥4,500,000. Fortunately however, the Company holds a large amount of forward contracts and so it will be enabled to obtain coal at ordinary prices for some time to come.

"Reviewing the general condition of the carrying trade of the world it will be noted the total tonnage of the mercantile marine of the world at the end of June, 1914—prior to the war—amounted to 45,438,000, which has decreased to 45,247,700 showing a difference of only 190,000 tons. Considering the enormous amount of tonnage that had been sent to the bottom during two years of war, this speaks volumes for the shipbuilding capacity of the Allies. It is not surprising that the demand for hold-space should be so persistent considering that something like 40 per cent. of the mercantile fleet has been requisitioned for military purposes. The great rise in freight and the consequent prosperity of the shipping trade is due to this circumstance. It is said that the United States is going to built 500,000 tons of ships in the course of next year Great Britain 1,500,000 tons, and Germany 600,000 tons. In such circumstances, it would be well for shipping people to be prepared for a great reaction when the war is brought to a termination and the large number of vessels now commandeered are released from the war service."

DEGREE DAY.

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of the Chinese Republic and many given by the Provincial Governments of Kwangtung, Yunnan, Chili, Hupeh and by the municipal Government of Peking. The compliment which His Excellency the Civil Governor of Kwangtung has paid us in personally attending this ceremony is very gratifying evidence of the continued interest and goodwill of the Provincial Government of Kwang Tung. We have as yet established but 3 Faculties in this University, those of Medicine, Engineering and Arts, and our Arts Faculty is conducted on principles, having in view a training for a Commercial or Administrative career. In Medicine and Engineering we are well situated for the practical teaching of students, for we have large and well equipped Hospitals in which clinics has been instituted, while the Railway workshops and our great Engineering Yards have generously been thrown open to our students in the long vacation. Our teaching it will be seen is therefore entirely on the practical side and is specially designed to help to useful careers our Chinese students, who are in the large majority. At the same time one of our principal objects is the development and formation of character and to that end in an English fashion we encourage healthful sport and recreation. In these, our students have already earned a reputation for that love of fair play which is the proud boast of all Englishmen.

It has sometimes been said of England that she has selfishly acquired and in many instances acquired by force of arms, more than her fair share of the world. The Englishman's answer to that criticism is, that by carrying civilisation and, particularly our national love and practice of justice into the lands we have occupied, we have benefited mankind. I am fain to believe that successive Governments of this Colony have not been unmindful of the responsibility we owe to China and her people. We hope that both have acquired benefits by our development of this once barren abode of fishermen, and the Institution of this University is one more instance of our desire to promote the welfare of China and her people. Here we are anxious to give of our best in education in useful Western science; and to assist, with ever increasing efficiency as our rescources increase, the Chinese in developing the vast recources of their splendid country; in alleviating the suffering of her patient and toiling multitudes; and to imbue those of her sons whom we have the honour and privilege of educating, with those ideals (taught also, be it remembered, by the Sage Confucius) for which Englishmen are even now offering daily and hourly the supreme sacrifice.

THANKS OF RECIPIENTS.

Capt. Pelliot, on behalf of himself and M. Finot, returned thanks to the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Council of the University for calling upon them as French scholars, to receive degrees at the first ceremony. Captain Pelliot referred with satisfaction to features of the University and urged the advantages of co-operation between the British and French seats of learning in the East in research work in China.

Dr. Wu Lien Teh returned thanks on behalf of the Chinese who had received degrees and said they were all mindful of the high position which that seat of learning occupied among the educational institutions of the Far East. He endorsed the hope expressed by Captain Pelliot that the University would go in for more research work and hoped some generously minded person would come forward and enable the University to establish scholarships in branches of study of that nature. If that could be done he believed the University would more truly serve as the connecting link between the West and the East. (Applause.)

The congregation was then formally closed.

The 74th Punjabis Band played selections on the verandah before the ceremony.

LORD DERBY ON OUR MAN POWER.

RESOURCES TO BE USED TO BEST ADVANTAGE.

Lord Derby, interviewed by the special correspondent of the Paris *Journal* in London, said:—

—I cannot see how anyone can feel the slightest uneasiness respecting the results in man-power of the Compulsory Service Acts. Unfortunately it seems that here people sometimes lose sight of the fact that if soldiers are necessary in the trenches and for the artillery, they are also necessary in the rear, and men are also required to work in the munition factories and on equipment. The whole question is that of proportioning the one to the other, and so as to obtain the best results possible, to employ each in the sphere in which he is most suitable.

The great difficulty is not to find men—we can, with a stroke of the pen, send hundreds of thousands of men to the colours—but since we have already embodied all those who were employed in "industries de luxe," or those who were not absolutely indispensable, our new recruits must be drawn from the ranks of those who perform essential duties. But you understand what degree of prudence is necessary in dealing with the staffs at munition factories and in the mines and, also, with the crews of merchant vessels.

However, we are unceasingly performing this labour day by day. We are thus in a position to send a certain number of men to the colours. Our one anxiety is to exploit our resources in men to the best common advantage of the Allies. We are with you to the last minute, and, if necessary, to the last man.

THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GERMANY AND PEACE.

A REMARKABLE GERMAN ARTICLE.

THE DESIRE FOR LASTING PEACE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung* publishes a remarkable article in a tone of studied moderation endeavouring to persuade the Entente to accept the Peace offer.

It says: "Although they are not yet known, Germany's peace proposals will be found moderate. The great majority of Germans are anxious for a lasting peace."

RUSSIAN VIEWS ON PEACE PROPOSAL.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.

Authoritative opinion on the Peace proposal is that it is a fresh trap; that a premature peace would be a terrible mistake and that the Allies must proceed to final triumph.

LATER.

A semi-official Note reviews previous German efforts to create the idea of peace prospects among Germany's own people in order to obtain support and animate the troops. It dwells on the attempts to sow discord among the members of the Entente by reports of a separate peace, and declares that the lack of sincerity and the object of the new proposal are evident. It points out that the enemy need heroic measures to complete the gaps in the armies and is simultaneously projecting a sort of serfdom in the guise of compulsory military work.

A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.

The Peace Note is accompanied by a confidential report from the American Chargé d'Affaires in Berlin, outlining the affairs which have led up to the Chancellor's overtures, received now and before by President Wilson.

It is not indicated whether the President will add anything prior to the immediate transmission to the Allies.

GREAT BRITAIN'S WAR EXPENDITURE.

INTERESTING COMMENT BY THE NEW CHANCELLOR.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Mr. Bonar Law (Chancellor of the Exchequer) stated that the War Expenditure of Great Britain had amounted to £3,852 millions. He believed we were able to maintain the present rate long enough to ensure that financial causes would not prevent victory. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bonar Law stated that no Peace proposal had yet reached the Government.

Mr. McKenna (late Chancellor of the Exchequer) promised Mr. Bonar Law the fullest support in his difficult task.

THE CASE OF CAPTAIN BLAIKIE.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law announced that the Government is taking such action as is thought to be necessary in the case of Captain Blaikie of the Anchor liner *Caledonia* who was recently taken captive by a German submarine.

THE RESIGNATION OF THE AUSTRIAN MINISTRY.

THE REASONS.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14.

A telegram from Vienna states that the Ministry's resignation is due partly to the opposition of a number of pro-German deputies, and partly to the question of the Constitutional relationship with Hungary.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

A GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

A Berlin official announcement states:

General Mackensen is progressing along the whole front despite the greatest difficulties on the road.

Great Wallachia, south of the railway line from Bukharest to Cernavoda, has been cleared of the enemy.

Russian attacks in the wooded Carpathians and Serbian attacks east of the Cerna have been repulsed.

RUSSIAN REPORT.

A Russian communiqué states:

The enemy on the 13th inst. continued his attacks in the direction of Buzeu.

Our cavalry and infantry came into contact with the enemy west and south-west of Buzeu and fought a stubborn battle.

The communiqué does not mention the result; presumably the battle continues.

ENEMY BOMBARDMENT OF MONASTIR.

PARIS, Dec. 14.

A French communiqué states that the enemy bombarded the whole of the Monastir front and also the town of Monastir, causing civilian casualties.

The communiqué adds: We effectively replied.

A VIENNA SENSATION.

EMPEROR'S INTENTION TO RESTORE ABSOLUTISM.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14.

Count Korber's resignation has caused a sensation in Vienna where the Emperor's move is regarded as revolutionary, indicating an intention to restore an absolutist regime.

The Emperor personally requested Count Koerber to resign. No explanation was forthcoming, but undoubtedly it was due to the growing political anarchy.

It is reported that the Emperor had previously conferred with Count Tisza, and the latter in a speech in Budapest on Tuesday admitted that Austria-Hungary took the first step in the direction of peace offering.

Herr Spitzmueller is the Director of the Viennese Creditanstalt and is insignificant politically.

It is believed that Herr Berchtold will return to the Foreign Office.

THE "LUSITANIA'S" TREASURE.

Projects are on foot both in England and the United States to recover the treasure which went down in the "Lusitania." It is believed that the money, jewellery and other valuables are worth at least £1,000,000. The position of the ship eight miles off the Old Head of Kinsale has been charted with great exactitude, and she lies 270 feet down. Such a depth a few years ago would have rendered salvage work practically unthinkable, but modern improvement in diving apparatus has made it possible for divers to work at that and even greater depth for considerable periods of time at a stretch.

This was demonstrated in raising the United States submarine F-4, which sank outside Honolulu harbour on March 25, 1915, and was refloated and towed into the harbour on August 29 of the same year. She lay on a slope of the ocean bed, her bow 288 feet below the surface and her stern 300 feet; yet divers worked in fair comfort at these depths, and thereby established a world's record.

If the "Lusitania" is lying fairly upright, it is believed there would be little difficulty in retrieving the contents of the strong-room, which is near the purser's office on one of the upper decks. The belongings of the wealthy passengers would present even less difficulty, as they would be higher up on the promenade decks. The holds wherein are the passengers' baggage are on a level with the lower deck, which is about the vessel's waterline, [illegible].

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE FRENCH CABINET.

COMPOSITION OF THE WAR COMMITTEE.

PARIS, Dec. 13.

The new Cabinet numbers ten members, while a War Committee has been appointed, comprising M. Briand, Premier; M. Ribot, Minister of Finance; General Lyantey, Minister of War; M. Lacaze, Minister of Marine; and M. Thomas, Minister of Munitions.

General Joffre, as Generalissimo, will attend the Committee as technical military adviser, while technical directors will be appointed in regard to mines and merchant shipping.

THE CAPTURE OF MONASTIR.

ROYAL CONGRATULATIONS TO SERBIAN COMMANDER.

LONDON, Dec. 13.

It is officially announced that the King on the occasion of the capture of Monastir, cordially congratulated the Serbian Commander and his valiant Army, who were struggling shoulder to shoulder with the Allies.

The Czar, in the course of a similar message, said he was persuaded their common efforts would be crowned with complete victory, assuring Serbia of free development of her political life and the realisation of her national aspirations.

NEUTRALS AND THE PEACE OFFER.

BIG DISAPPOINTMENT FOR GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The world-wide comments already show that profound disappointment is awaiting Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg if he imagined that his peace offer would impress neutrals. It is already manifest that the only result of the speech has been to bring the *Entente* Powers closer together. Everywhere the offer is condemned as a mere political manœuvre.

GREATER FRIGHTFULNESS EXPECTED.

It is anticipated in Holland that the Allies, rejection of the offer will be used as an excuse for greater frightfulness. German agents are already disseminating rumours in Holland that there are 400 submarines ready to blockade Great Britain and that Dutch ships will only be allowed to pass under German escort.

Germ-laden bombs are to be scattered on London, and new and deadlier inventions generally employed.

AUSTRALIAN COMMENT.

"GERMAN PEACE BLUFF."

MELBOURNE, Dec. 14.

The Australian Press unanimously denounces the offer as German Peace bluff.

Mr. Hughes, in a speech, said that peace was impossible which did not provide for the evacuation of Allied territory, compensation to victims and punishment of the perpetrators of outrages.

THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN NEW GOVERNMENT.

PARIS, Dec. 14.

By 314 votes to 165 the Chamber adopted a vote of confidence in the new Government, enjoining them to vigorously prosecute the war, after a speech by M. Briand, in which he described Germany's peace proposals as a clumsy snare meant to divide the Allies and disturb and demoralise their peoples. The Allies would return a definite, concerted reply, but he was at present justified in saying that France would not do less than the Revolutionary Convention did in similar circumstances. "I would be most culpable," continued M. Briand, "if I did not warn the country to be careful in face of an enemy who has mobilised his whole civilian population, is working at white heat to increase armaments, and is forcing the inhabitants of invaded territories to labour on his behalf." He denounced Bethmann-Hollweg's offer to France.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

BRITISH DRIVE OFF ENEMY PATROLS.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

General Sir Douglas Haig, in a communiqué, says:—Enemy patrols, endeavouring to enter our trenches to the east of Armentieres, were driven off.

We bombarded trenches in the neighbourhood of Festubert, Neuve Chapelle and Ypres.

ENEMY MINE WORKS DESTROYED ON FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, Dec. 14.

An official communiqué states:—There has been vigorous enemy artillery fire in the Biaches, La Maisonette, and Barleux sectors.

A *coup-de-main* against a salient north of Four-de-Paris, in Argonne, enabled us to destroy enemy mine works and capture prisoners.

HEAVY SNOW.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters in France reports that snow has begun to fall heavily and is making thereby increasing the difficulty of operations.

RUSSO-RUMANIAN FRONT UNBROKEN.

SERIOUS STAND EXPECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 13.

It appears that the Rumanians and Russians have still an unbroken line and that they have made effective local rallies for the purpose of checking pursuit, but General Mackensen's armies are pressing on the vanguard 70 miles from Galatz Braila and the river Sereth, where the Russians-Rumanians are expected to make a serious stand to bar the road to Moldavia.

BRITAIN'S ARMY.

ANOTHER MILLION MEN.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

A Supplementary Estimate provides for an additional million men for the Army, making a total of five millions.

VENEZELIST TROOPS LAND AT SERMOPOLIS.

WILL ANNEX THE CYCLADES.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Venezelist troops have landed at Sermopolis and have annexed the island of Syros. The remainder of the Cyclades will shortly be annexed.

MINES IN ATLANTIC.

OIL-TANKER IN FLAMES.

FERROLS, Dec. 14.

A Dutch steamer reports having passed an oil-tanker in flames, and to having seen four floating mines in the Atlantic.

RE-ELECTION OF MINISTERS.

PROVISIONALLY DISPENSED WITH.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

A Bill has been introduced to-day provisionally dispensing with the necessity for re-electing of Ministers.

RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.

M. Pokrowski, Comptroller of the Empire, has been appointed Foreign Minister.

OBITUARY.

J. W. COMYNS CARR.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The death of Mr. J. W. Comyns Carr, the well-known critic and dramatist, is announced.

IRISH REBEL PRISONERS.

MR. REDMOND FORESHADOWS EARLY RELEASE.

Mr. Redmond visited Sligo recently and took part in the ceremony of unveiling a marble monument to the late Mr. Patrick McHugh, M.P.

Their welcome, he said, would strengthen his hands. It would not silence his enemies, for that was impossible; but it would deprive their voice of some of its weight with ignorant and unthinking people, and would do a great deal towards steadying public opinion in Ireland.

What they wanted most was a steadying of their forces. Ireland was suffering from brain storm. A gust of passion had swept over the country and a period of calm was necessary to restore a rational and sane view of the causes and consequences of the tragedy through which Ireland had passed. That day's proceedings would show the Irish people, and perhaps the British people, too, that common sense was asserting itself and passion subsiding.

Ireland had come to believe that she must not sacrifice, in a moment of anger or disappointment, the fruits of 40 years of patient labour. The plain truth was that there was only one policy possible in Ireland. That was the policy of O'Connell, Butt, Parnell, Davitt, and all the leaders of the national movement for the last 20 years. (Cheers.) That policy meant that Irish rights could be won only by constitutional action. (Cheers.)

The other day he called on the Government to withdraw martial law and deal generously with the 500 men interned without trial in England. "Release them," he said, "and if you cannot do that, consider their case. Let the majority of them be released without delay. I said treat the penal servitude prisoners as political prisoners are treated in every civilised country in the world.

"I am not in the confidence of the Government, but I have heard that the Government intended shortly to do this thing. If that is their intention, I ask them, in heaven's name, why delay? Will they hold back these concessions until they are absolutely useless in affecting public opinion in this country? Is it to be once more a concession by the English Government too late?"

"But these things are not enough. To redeem the present situation some great act of understanding and sympathetic statesmanship is necessary. (Cheers.) Ireland to-day is seething with suspicion and distrust of English statesmen and English promises. Let her meet distrust by trust, and put Home Rule into immediate operation. (Cheers.) By such an act, more would be done for the future of the Empire and the winning of the war than by the alliance of half a dozen neutral States, or by another successful advance on the Somme. (Cheers.)

HEART DIAGNOSIS IN BRITISH ARMY.

ELABORATE METHODS OF INSTRUMENTAL EXAMINATION.

The thoroughness with which the hearts of British recruits have been examined since the beginning of the year before they are accepted to act in some military capacity or finally rejected, is dwelt upon by the editor of *The Lancet*. The most delicate instruments are used, including the electrocardiograph, which takes pictures of the movements of the heart, and the X-ray machine. The advance which has been made in cardiac diagnosis is considered one of the striking examples of medical military progress. The Lancet says:—

"One of the most difficult problems in connection with the examination of recruits is the exact estimation of the condition of the heart. If the heart is of the normal size, the sounds clear, and the rhythm regular a satisfactory conclusion can be arrived at promptly; but if a murmur is heard or there is irregularity of the beat then skill and experience are required in order to distinguish between functional and organic conditions. The main point is to estimate, if possible, the amount of cardiac reserve power but this is not the only matter for consideration, and, quite rightly, cases in which doubt arises are now referred to experts for opinion.

"Since last February, by the direction of the Medical Department of the War Office, recruits in the London district whose rejection was contemplated on account of the state of their heart, have been sent to the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart for examination and report. As up to now over 4,000 cases have been dealt with, it will be of interest to explain the general idea underlying the scheme.

"All recruits are seen in the first instance by a recruiting Medical Board, and those whose hearts are manifestly defective, as shown by the ordinary methods of clinical examination, are rejected or placed in the categories for which they are suitable, while those with obviously healthy hearts are passed. It is only when real doubt arises as to whether a recruit's heart is defective, or how far an observed defect is likely to impair efficiency for military purposes that the man is sent to the heart hospital and subjected to a searching examination with the aid of instrumental appliances which could not possibly [illegible] be available for employment by the recruiting boards without the assistance of some such institution.

"After consideration of the various points and consultation with recognised authorities, a scheme of examination was decided upon at the Heart Hospital which experience has shown to be very efficient in elucidating the problems which present themselves. Every recruit is asked to state what, if anything, he complains of, and a record is made of this, together with a detailed history of his previous diseases and habits. Any subjective symptoms which may be present are inquired into in detail and recorded. He is then given a standard piece of work to do, the pulse, respiration and blood pressure being recorded before, immediately after, and three minutes after.

"The urine is analysed, and an electrocardiogram is taken. In a very large proportion of the cases the heart and chest are also examined by the X-rays Furnished with these data, the physicians proceeded to make a thorough clinical investigation. A diagnosis is arrived at, after taking into consideration all the evidence, and opinion is expressed as to which category of military service, so far as his heart is concerned, the recruit is to be placed under.

"Here the most practical point for consideration is that although a man with a slight cardiac lesion may support well the strains of civil life, when he can stop work at will, he may not be found suitable for military service, in which he must 'carry on' or become a casualty. A copy of the paper containing all the data, as well as the diagnosis and opinion, is transmitted to the Medical Board sending the recruit, with whom, of course, the final decision rests.

"That the practised medical examiners who constitute the recruiting board of London should have felt the desirability of having as many as between 4,000 and 5,000 cases examined in this detailed manner before arriving at a decision is perhaps one of the most striking pieces of evidence that could be adduced of the progress that this department of medicine has made during the last few years, and of the importance attached to the modern instrumental aids to diagnosis.

"Of 1,000 cases examined, 447 have been classified as fit for full military service either at home or abroad, 291 as fit for garrison duty or labour purposes, and 262 as fit only for clerical work or totally rejected. These figures are of high significance; they tend to show that many men who at the first examination did not seem fitted for military service, on further investigation were passed for some form of military work, the proportion that were classified as fit for full service being high."

ENEMY TRADE MARKS.

In the House of Commons recently,

Mr. Brookes asked the President of the Board of Trade whether his Department has considered action in the direction of the non-registration in this country of enemy trademarks; and in that case what policy he proposes to adopt?

Mr. Runciman: During the continuance of the War no registration of a *trade mark is being or will be granted* to any enemy subject. Applications made by enemies are being dealt with as usual down to and including acceptance, but all proceedings subsequent to acceptance are suspended. The position after the War of these marks is among the subjects to be considered by a conference of technical delegates of the Allies during the present autumn.

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"The new kingdom will receive the guarantees needed for the free development of its own forces by intimate relations with both powers. The glorious traditions of the ancient Polish armies and the memory of the brave comradeship during the great war of our days shall revive in a national army. The organisation, the instruction and the command of this army shall be arranged by common agreement.

The allied monarchs express their confident hope that the Polish wishes for the evolution of the Polish state and for the national development of the Polish kingdom will now be fulfilled, taking due consideration of the general political conditions prevailing in Europe and of the welfare and safety of their new countries and nations. The great realms which will be the western neighbours of the kingdom of Poland shall have on the eastern frontier a happy state, enjoying its own national life and shall welcome with joy the birth and the prosperous development of this state.

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† SHANGHAI	*WINGSANG* ...	THURSDAY, Dec. 21, Daylight.
* MANILA	*YUENSANG*	SATURDAY, Dec. 23, at 3 p.m.
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	§ **SHIDZUOKA MARU,** Capt. Noma, Tons 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Jan. at Noon.
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Hongkong, Dec. 1, 1916.

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Hongkong, Dec. 6, 1916. 1300

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THE Steamship
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Hongkong Dec. 11, 1916. 1316

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

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No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged Cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 20th December at 10 a.m.

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NOVARA ...	Dec. 29	* MOOLTAN	Jan. 28	Feb. 4
SOMALI ...	Jan. 17	Through Steamer	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
NYANZA ...	Jan. 26	Through Steamer	Feb. 28	Mar. 11
MALTA ...	Feb. 9	* KARMALA	Mar. 11	Mar. 18
NAMUR ...	Feb. 23	Through Steamer	Mar. 28	April 8
NELLORE ...	Mar. 9	* MEDINA	April 8	April 15
NOVARA ...	Mar. 23	* MONGOLIA	April 22	April 29
NORE ...	April 6	Through Steamer	May 9	May 20
MALTA ...	April 20	* KAISAR-I-HIND	May 21	May 28
NANKIN ...	May 4	Through Steamer	June 7	June 18
NELLORE ...	May 18	* KASHGAR	June 19	June 26

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S. S.	Leave Hongkong About	
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NEWS FROM HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, November 4.

THE COMB-OUT.

The topic of the time, above all others, is the combing out of young men who are physically fit. It is manifestly absurd that married men of 41, with large families, should be sent on military service while single shirkers of 25 are sheltering under the umbrella of Government offices or badged in factories. Hence the outcry and the rather tardy action of the Government to put matters right.

It is a high price to pay for Empire, this disruption of business organisation, but the grumbling is very small, so long as there is equality of sacrifice and the surety that, now we are in the quarrel we will persevere to the end and have no inconclusive, patched-up peace.

There are problems galore demanding attention. Business men are hampered in their enterprises by the absence of knowledge of how far the labour demands will be interfered with by military requirements. I know of one or two promising new industries that are being held up in this way. Then there is agriculture. The farmers say if the drain from the country is greater farming cannot go on, and as a consequence food prices must mount to higher levels still. On the other hand, there is no class in the land so hardily fit for trench life as the farming community. And of all the evasions of military service there are none quite so flagrant as those of able-bodied farmers' sons who have received exemption from tribunals on which their fathers are members.

Another suggestion now being actively discussed is to draw on the African negroes for many non-combatant duties in France, so as to release fit whites for the fighting line. A number of members of Parliament, headed by Commander Wedgwood, M.P., have the matter in hand and are pressing it upon the Government. It will be quite on all fours with the introduction of Chinese by the French into works in the South of France.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

The return of the Duke of Connaught from his successful term as Governor-General of Canada, has raised the prospect of his being the next Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. He is in splendid form, alert and quietly observant, and the King, who values his advice, has had several long talks with him.

The Duke has always loved Ireland, where he has slept more nights than any other living member of the Royal Family. When the Home Rule Bill was passed the idea arose that he should be the first Viceroy under the new dispensation, whenever it was inaugurated. At present many Nationalists think the presence of a Royal resident in Ireland would stimulate loyalty and also recruiting there.

If the Duke does go there he will be more politically aloof than Lord Wimborne, but he will be no figurehead, for he is a strong man. Moreover, Dublin would rejoice to have a real Court established there once again. The Ulstermen are indifferent, I understand, but many of them are coming round to the view that Irish differences will be adjusted in the near future. Belfast would give the Duke a great reception when he visited the North, but the unchanging Unionism of the Ulstermen would not be likely to be moderated by the presence of a Royal Viceroy in Dublin.

THE CHURCH AND THE NATION.

While the various denominational chaplains and the Church Army and Y.M.C.A. are doing invaluable work with the armies in the field, the churches at home are feeling themselves hardly in tune with present-day views and aspirations. The Church of England has been conducting a "Mission of Hope and Repentance" throughout the country, and some of the missioners have not helped their cause by their declarations of the sins of the nation and the need for sackcloth, considering that never in our history have self-sacrifice and silent suffering been so high. A prominent Churchman is thus quoted in one of the daily papers:—"Once more the Church of England is failing to get at the need of the people. The time when the clergy led seems historically distant, but they persistently seem to be trying to supply to-day what the previous generation lacked and not what is the crying need of to-day. Whilst they complacently say that science is more and more acknowledging that there is a spiritual world, the clergy do not grapple with the growing disbelief to-day in any personal immortality. That is what they have to tackle. The true cause of the avowed indifference to religion by the majority is really due to the fact that they disbelieve in survival of consciousness after death. This is particularly the case with many of the Suffragettes. The thinkers—or rather those who have a smattering of undigested thought—regarded this life as the only one for themselves individually. The Church of England stands for life everlasting, and until it sets itself to eradicate the prevalent disbelief in survival it will not influence people in all walks of life. Psychical research has its own sphere, but it would be idle to pretend it has permeated England. The grip of the Church should be in its proclamation of the eternal triumph over death."

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B'bay v. S'pore & C'bo	Yetorofu Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 21,
B'bay, v. S'pore, C'bo	Malay Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 30, at 7 a.m.
Batavia, Samarang, &c	Shibetoro Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 6, at 10 a.m.
Honolulu via Japan &c	Kiyo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Jan. 9, at noon.
Haiphong	Taksang	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld.	Dec. 18, at 7 a.m.
K'lung, S'tow & Amoy	Kaijo Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 17, at 10 a.m.
London v. S'pore &c	Nankin	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 16, at Noon
London & Bombay &c	Novara	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 29, at Noon.
London v. S'pore &c	Kamo Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 28, at Noon.
London v. S'pore &c.	Kashima Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 4, at noon.
London	Madras	The Bank Line, Ltd.	Jan. 5
Manila	Loongsang	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld.	Dec. 16, at 3 p.m.
Manila	Yuensang	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld.	Dec. 23, at 3 p.m.
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Taming	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 19, at 4 p.m.
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.
Manila, A'tralian [illegible]	[illegible]	Butterfield & Swire	
N'saki, Kobe & [illegible]	Nikko Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 4, at 10 a.m.
New York v. Japan &c	Toyooka Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Early Feb.
Rio de Janeiro, &c	Kasado Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 10, at Noon.
San Francisco [illegible]	Ecuador	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Dec. 30
San F'cisco v. Japan	Colombia	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	April 23
San F'cisco [illegible]	Tenyo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Dec. 17, at Noon.
San F'cisco v. Japan	Nippon Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Jan. 4, 10.30 a.m.
San F'cisco v. Japan	Shinyo Maru	[illegible]	Jan. 17, at Noon.
San F'cisco [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Jan. [illegible]
Shanghai	[illegible]	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld.	Dec. 21, Daylight
Shanghai	[illegible]	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld.	Dec. 21, Daylight
Shanghai	[illegible]	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 17, Daylight
Shanghai	Kiukiang	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 19, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	[illegible]	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 31, Daylight
S'hai & [illegible]	Somali	P. & O. S. N. Co.	[illegible]
S'hai & Japan	Nyanza	P. & O. S. N. Co.	[illegible]
S'pore, [illegible]	Kutsang	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld.	[illegible]
S'pore, Pang & R'goon	Tosa Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 21
S'tow, Amoy & [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swatow [illegible]	Haihong	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sandakan	[illegible]	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld.	Jan. 7, Noon
S'pore, [illegible]	Salamis	[illegible]	
Sydney, M'bourne [illegible]	[illegible] Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	[illegible]
Sydney, M'bourne [illegible]	[illegible]	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	[illegible]
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Per P. & O. s.s. *Kaiser-I-Hind*. From London, Oct. 13, Mr W. J. Crawford, Mr Griffit

Per P. & O. s.s. *Mooltan*. From London Oct. 27, Miss Jones, Miss Winter, Mr Somerville.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Kashgar*. From London Nov. 10, Mr and Mrs Avenall and child.

Per N. Y. K. s.s. *Atsuta Maru*. From London, Mr and Mrs W. L. Leask and two children, Mr E. Halliday and child, Miss Starckey, Mrs Sanders and child, Mr J. P. Chambers, Mr A. Forbes, Mr A. D. Yow.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Arabia*. From London, Dec. 8, Miss Aris, Mr Dalby.

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HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 2 p.m.	On date at 6 a.m.	On date at 2 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.08	30.20	30.14
Temperature	72	55	65
Humidity ...	34	47	44
Direction of Wind......	NNE	N	N
Force	3	2	1
Weather	b	b	b
Rain............	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Nankin, British str., 4,250, G. Manley, Kobe via Shanghai Dec. 12, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Cheongshing, British steamer, 1,258, Hetherington, Weihaiwei Dec. 10, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.

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Kueichow, British str., 1,220, Edward Forsyth, Weihaiwei Dec. 10, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

DEPARTURES.

December 15.

Tamsui, for Swatow and Shanghai.
Koyo Maru, for Saigon.
Diva, for Bangkok.
Yingchow, for Canton.
Shantung, for Shanghai.
Huichow, for Canton.
Kwanglee, for Canton.
Yamagata Maru, for Kobe.
Hue, for Hoihow and Pakhoi.
Totomi Maru, for Shanghai and Kobe.
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CLEARED.

Nankin, for Singapore and Bombay.
Haimun, for Singapore.
Satsuki Maru, for Canton.
Riojun Maru, for Batavia.

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The P. & O. Outward Mail str. *Karmala* with the London Mails of the 30th ultimo, arrived at Port Said on Tuesday, the 12th inst.

Other Vessels.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s s.s. *Ecuador* left Yokohama on 12th inst. for Hongkong via Kobe, Shanghai and Manila and is expected to arrive here on 23rd inst.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s s.s. *Colombia* will leave San Francisco for Hongkong on March 10th, via Honolulu and Japan Ports.

Latest Advices.

The C. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *China* arrived in San Francisco on Tuesday, 12th inst., and will sail from there on 22nd inst. She is due to arrive in Hongkong on 20th prox.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Japan* from Calcutta, left Singapore on 14th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 20th inst.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 15, 1916.

On London—	
Bank Wire	2/4¾
" On demand, ...	...2/4 11/16
" 30 days' sight	...2/4¾
" 4 months' sight, ...	...2/4 15/16
Credits, 4 months' sight,	...2/5¼
Documentary, 4 months' sight	2/5¼
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	...332
Credits, 4 months' sight,	...342½
On New York—	
On demand, ...	...56⅞
Credits, 60 days sight, ...	...——
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	...——
On demand, ...	...177¼
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	...——
On demand	...177¼
On Singapore—	
On demand, ...	...101¼
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	...113¼
On Shanghai—	
On demand	...nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	..——
On Yokohama—	
On demand, ...	...111¼
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	...51.70
Sovereigns (Banks' Buying rate)	$8.30 n.
Silver (per oz.)	——
Bar Silver in Hongkong ...	2 % p.n.
Chinese Copper Cash	¼ % p.n.
Chinese Copper Cents... ...	¾ % p.n.
Rate of Native Interest ...	6½ % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	5½ % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	par

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

IN RADIO-TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATION.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Aguilar Radio Telegraph Station:—

Tjikembang *Suwa Maru*
Tjibodas *Riojun Maru*

INWARD MAILS.

EUROPE (VIA NEGAPATAM)—Per s.s. *Suwa Maru*, Dec. 15.

EUROPE (VIA NEGAPATAM)—Per steamer *Japan*, Dec. 21.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia, Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

Mails will close for:—

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via KOBE.
Per *Suwa Maru*, at 8 a.m., on Saturday, the 16th Dec.

STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT & EUROPE.
Per *Nankin*. Registration at 10.15 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 16th Dec.
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 15th Dec., at 5 p.m.

ILOILO.
Per *Benavon*, at 1 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th Dec.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Per *Loongsang*, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th Dec.

SAIGON.
Per *Manapouri*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
Per *Yingchow*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th Dec.

SWATOW, AMOY, FORMOSA Via TAMSUI & KEELUNG.
Per *Kaijo Maru*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 17th Dec.

SWATOW.
Per *Kanchow*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 17th Dec.

HAIPHONG.
Per *Kwangse*, at 11 a.m., on Monday, the 18th Dec.

HONGAY.
Per *Huichow*, at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, the 19th Dec.

TIENTSIN.
Per *Kueichow*, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 19th Dec.

SWATOW.
Per *Hai Hong*, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 19th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via MOJI, VICTORIA & SEATTLE.
Per **Tamba Maru*, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 19th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via NAGASAKI, HONOLULU, *CANADA, *UNITED STATES, *CENTRAL & *SOUTH AMERICA via SAN FRANCISCO & *UNITED KINGDON via CANADA.
Per *Tenyo Maru*. Registration at 10.15 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the 19th Dec.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Per *Taming*, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 19th Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
(Europe via Siberia).
Per *Kiukiang*. Registration at 2.15 p.m. Letters at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 19th Dec.
[Shanghai Chi. P.O., Monday, 23rd Dec.]

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
(Europe via Siberia).
Per *Sinkiang*. Registration at 2.15 p.m. Letters at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 21st Dec.
[Shanghai Chi. P.O., Monday, 25th Dec.]

SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
Per *Hai Hong*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 22nd Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
Per *Anhui*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

SWATOW.
Per *Haitan*, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND & NEW GUINEA Via THURSDAY ISLAND.
Per *Eastern*, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 25th Dec.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Per *Tean*, at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, the 26th Dec.

STRAITS *CEYLON, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, JOHANNESBURG, CAPE TOWN & *UNITED KINGDOM.
Per *Kamo Maru*. Registration at 9.15 a.m. Letters at 10 a.m., on Thursday, the 28th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via NAGASAKI, VICTORIA, B.C., VANCOUVER, UNITED STATES, CENTRAL, SOUTH AMERICA & *UNITED KINGDOM via CANADA.
(Europe via Siberia.)
Per *Empress of Russia*. Registration at 9.45 a.m. Letters at 10.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 28th Dec.
[Shanghai Chi. P.O., Saturday, 30th Dec.]

* Superscribed correspondence only.

Temperature.

Hongkong, December 15, 1916.

BAROMETER	9 A.M.	30.20
Do.	1 P.M.	30.13
Do.	4 P.M.	30.08
THERMOMETER	9 A.M.	31
Do.	1 P.M.	65
Do.	4 P.M.	65
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	54
Do. (Wet bulb)	1 P.M.	57
Do. (Wet bulb)	4 P.M.	57
Do. Maximum	....	65
Do. Minimum (over night)	....	60

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 15th at 11.45—No returns from Japanese stations.

Pressure has increased moderately over the China coast and decreased slightly over the Philippines; it remains highest over N. China and is relatively low over the south part of the China Sea.

Strong monsoon will prevail over the China coast and the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 16th December:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N. winds, fresh; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: N. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHT IN DECEMBER.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of December, 1916:—

Date.	Ends.		Begins.	
Dec. 15th,	6.43	a.m.	5.53	p.m.
" 16th,	6.43	"	5.53	"
" 17th,	6.43	"	5.53	"
" 18th,	6.44	"	5.54	"
" 19th,	6.44	"	5.54	"
" 20th,	6.45	"	5.55	"
" 21st,	6.45	"	5.55	"
" 22nd,	6.46	"	5.56	"
" 23rd,	6.46	"	5.56	"
" 24th,	6.47	"	5.57	"
" 25th,	6.48	"	5.58	"
" 26th,	6.48	"	5.58	"
" 27th,	6.48	"	5.58	"
" 28th,	6.49	"	5.59	"
" 29th,	6.49	"	5.59	"
" 30th,	6.50	"	6.00	"
" 31st,	6.50	"	6.00	"

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 15, 1916.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direct'n.	Wind Force.	Weather.
Wl'ostock...	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro ...	5 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate ..	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki ...	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima.	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha.........	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ishi'jima ...	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Island	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chefoo	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weihaiwei ..	"	30.35	34	69	WSW	4	o
Hankow ...	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang ...	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha ...	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai ..	"	30.45	32	96	NNW	1	b
Gutzlaff	"	30.39	42	85	NW	4	b
Sharp Pk...	"	30.19	54	77	NNW	4	b
Amoy	9 a.	30.21	56	69	NE	2	b
Swatow	6 a.	30.18	56	81	N	1	b
Taihoku	6 a.	30.20	57	77	E	4	r
Taichu	"	30.06	57	—	N	4	o
Tainan	"	30.02	57	—	N	2	r
Koshun	"	30.07	68	—	NE	8	o
Pescadores.	"	30.01	—	—	NE	7	r
Canton	6 a.	30.22	48	78	N	2	b
Hongkong .	"	30.14	55	47	N	4	b
Gap Rock ..	"	30.13	—	—	N	6	b
Macao	"	30.17	52	57	N	4	h
Wuchow ...	9 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	6 a.	30.15	57	77	NE	4	b
Tourane	"	30.01	66	—	NNW	4	o
C. St. James	"	29.78	70	—	W	2	b
Aparri	"	29.84	73	89	E	1	o
Dagupan ...	"	29.73	72	94	E	1	o
Manila	"	29.75	72	98	—	0	b
Legaspi	"	29.72	79	87	NNE	4	o
Tacloban ...	"	29.68	75	96	WNW	1	r
Iloilo	"	29.69	75	96	N	0	o
Surigao......	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Labuan......	"	29.67	78	94	W	6	of

T. F. CLAXTON, *Director*.

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 15, 1916.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beauford Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squall, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).

7. RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 16th to 22nd, 1916.

Day	Date	High Water Hongkong Mean Time.	Height	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time.	Height
		h m	high.	h m	feet
Fri.	16	8 30 a	4.6	8 30	2.1
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sat.	17	0 15	6.0	[illegible]	2.4
		4 3 a	4.9	7 41 a	[illegible]
Sun.	18	1 40	5.5	8 27	2.7
		4 12 a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mon.	19	[illegible]	6.0	10 19	2.9
		4 47 a	4.8		
Tues.	20	[illegible]	4.7	0 12	2.4
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.1
Wed.	21	3 27	4.5	[illegible]	2.0
		5 59 a	7.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thur.	22	[illegible]	[illegible]	1 47	[illegible]
		6 47 a	7.7	[illegible]	2.4

SHARE REPORT.

DECEMBER 15TH, 1916.

Stock and paid up Value.	Q'tions 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Return based on last year's div.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & S'hai $125	$730	£2.5 interim	8½ p.c.
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Cantons ....$ 50	$400	$7 final a/c 1914 and Interim of $15 a/c 1915.	6½ p.c.
North Chinas £5	T. 152	Final div. of 15 % making 27½ % a/c 1915	
Unions $100	$925 s. & ss.	Final of $20 and bonus $10 a/c 1914. Interim of $30 a/c 1915	
Yangtsze ....$ 60	$205	Final of $15 making $18 for 1914 and int. of $6 on account 1915 ...	4½ p.c.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
China Fires ....$ 20	$154 nom.	$7 and bonus $2 for 1914.	8 p.c.
Hongkong Fires ...$ 50	$375	$27 for 1914	6½ p.c. 7 p.c.
SHIPPING.			
Douglas Steamships $50	$120½ b.	$1 final and $8 bonus, making $14 a/c 1915-16	11¼ p.c.
Steamboats ....$ 15	$21½ s.	$1 for 1915.................	4¾ p.c.
Indo-Chinas:—			
(Preferred)...£5	$46 b.	6/- for 1915	6 p.c.
(Deferred)...£5	$142 s. & ss.	10/- Bonus .... 6/- for 1915	6½ p.c.
"Shell" Transports £1	104/.	2/- a/c 1915 Coupon 25 5/- a/c 1915 Coupon 26	7 p.c.
"Star Ferry" ....$ 10	$38 s. & ss.	$1.65 dividend 45 cents Bonus for year ending 30 4 16	5¾ p.c.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugars $100	$131½ b.	$12 for 1915	10½ p.c.
Malabon Sugars... P. 50	$37½ b.	$5 for 1915.................	
MINING.			
Kallans £1	35/-	1/- a/c 1915/16, Coupons No.	
Langkats ....gdrs. 10	T. 21½ b.	Tls. 1 for 1915	
Raubs.........................£1	$2¾ b.		4 p.c.
Tronoh Mines £1	39/-	3/- a/c 1916.................	
Ural Caspians £1	32/9	9 % for 1915	
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Kowloon Wharves $ 50	$85 b. 85½ ss.	$3½ for 1915	4 p.c.
H.K. & Whampoa Docks ....$ 50	$131 b.	$5 for 1915	3¾ p.c.
Shanghai Docks T. 100	T. 90 b. & ss.	Tls. 7½ for year ending 30-4-16	8¼ p.c.
Hongkew Wharfs T. 100	T. 86	Tls. 3 for 1915	8¼ p.c.
HOTELS' LANDS AND BUILDINGS			
Hongkong Hotels...$ 50	$115	$3 a/c half year 30-6-16.	4½ p.c.
Central Estates ...$100	$101 s.	$7 a/c 1915..................	7 p.c.
Hongkong Lands ...$100	$97	Interim div. of $3½	7 p.c.
Humphreys Estates $ 10	$6.90 b.	35 cents for 1915	5½ p.c.
Kowloon Lands ...$ 30	$35 s.	$2½ for 1915	6 p.c.
West Points ....$ 50	$85 s.	Interim of $2	4½ p.c.
Shanghai Lands T. 50	T. 92	6 % interim a/c 1916......	6½ p.c.
COTTON MILLS.			
Ewos ....T. 50	T. 157½ b.	Tls. 16 for year ending 31-10-15	10½ p.c.
Shanghai Cottons T. 50	T. 120 b. & ss.	Tls. 6 div. a/c year ended 30-6-16.	
Kung Yik...........T 10	T. 15 b.	Tls. 1½ for 1915............	5 p.c.
Yangtszepoo T. 5	T. 6		10½ p.c.
MISCELLANEOUS.			
China-Borneos ......$ 12	$8½	72 cts. for 1915............	8 p.c.
Light & Powers ... $ 5	$4½ b.	6 p.c. for year ending 28-2-06	
China-Providents $ 10	$8.85 b.	70 cents for 1915	7¼ p.c.
Dairy Farms ....$ 6	$25½	$3 for year ending 31-7-16	8½ p.c.
Green Islands ......$ 10	$11½ s.	60 cents for 1915	5 p.c.
Hongkong Electrics $ 10	$53	$2½ for 1915/1916.........	4 p.c.
Hongkong Ices ......$ 25	$160	$2 on a/c 1916	7 p.c.
Hongkong Ropes ...$ 10	$34½	$1 interim 1916............	8¾ p.c.
Hongkong Tramways 5/.	$7 s.	7 % interim a/c 1916 cents 16½ per share ...	6 p.c.
H.K. Steel Foundry ...	$9½	....	
Morning Posts ......$ 25	$29	$2 for 1915	
Peak Tramways ...$ 10 do. (new) $ 1	$10 $1	7 % for 1915/1916	7½ p.c.
Steam Laundry ......$ 5	$3½ b.	25 cents for 1915/1916..	6½ p.c.
Union Waterboats $ 10	$17	$1 for 1915..................	5½ p.c.
Watsons ....$ 10	$6 30 b.	70 cents for 1915	
William Powell ......$ 7	$6.35 b.	60 cents for 1915/1914...	9 p.c.

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